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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) An overhead traveling carriage system comprising:

an overhead traveling carriage which runs along a running rail and conveys an article,

a stocker which delivers and receives said article to and from said overhead traveling carriage, and

a plurality of processing devices which receive said article,

wherein said stocker includes an elevating space in which a platform is raised or lowered,

wherein said stocker includes a storage space in which a plurality of shelves are provided in a vertical direction to store said article,

wherein said elevating space is disposed nearer to a running path of said overhead traveling carriage than is said storage space, as viewed from above,

wherein said overhead traveling carriage and said running rail are disposed above said stocker, and

wherein said elevating space and said storage space are of an equal height.

15. (Previously Presented) An overhead traveling carriage system according to Claim 14, wherein said stocker is disposed adjacent to one of said plurality of processing devices which requires a relatively short time for processing.